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CIRCULAR NO. 158/Sv-IThe Administrative and Resistance Committee of Nam Bo respectfully
addresses:

Nam Bo Command for Intersectors VII, VIII and IX

Military Command for Special Zone of S/C (Saigon-Cholon)

Services, Bureaus, Secretariats and Committees of Nam Bo

Control Committee of the People's Militia for the three Intersectors

Provincial and City Administrative and Resistance Committees for
Saigon-Cholon

Lien Viet and similar groups of Nam Bo

Decisions on Food Rationing for Military and Civilian PersonnelSubsequent to Official Telegram No. 317/CDF2 of 13/9/50, in consideration
of increased cost of living and in order to increase food rations so as to
approximate, to some extent, the actual cost of living and paddy yield in
each region, the Administrative and Resistance Committee of Nam Bo will be
responsible for executing the following plan as of 1 December 1950:Food Rationing for Military and Civilian Personnel is Divided into Three
Categories - A, B and CA. Category - Military and civilian personnel employed in armament
factories of the Army, of the Security Police, and of the People's Militia,
as these persons are responsible for armament production and are subject
to hard work in isolated places.

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B. Category - (1) The military

(2) Liaison agents who travel constantly.

C. Category - Administrative personnelMethods of Determining Rations

Divide the ration in two parts: one part into paddy and the other into money for food purchases.

(a) Paddy Allotment: The paddy allotted must provide 1 liter of rice daily. In sections where paddy is not sufficient, an equivalent money allotment can be made by the Provincial Administrative and Resistance Committee. At the beginning of each month the Provincial Committee will announce, by circular, the prevailing cost of rice in the various sections of the province.

No organization is authorized to pay for husking any paddy distributed. As the majority do not consume all the allotted paddy, the huskers will be able to use the surplus for their livestock or in any other lucrative manner.

Those organizations which have no means of husking paddy, can utilize any surplus paddy for hiring the necessary workers.

In sections of the East, such as Bien Hoa, Long Thanh, Baria, etc., the paddy allotment can be mixed with dried potatoes or maize in amounts equal to one liter of rice.

The Dong Nai Division of Intersector VII, which is subject to constant movement, must be rationed rice, potatoes and maize in amounts equivalent to 1.2 liters of rice.

(b) Currency Allotments. With the exception of such allotments as mentioned above, the amount of money distributed will depend on the cost of living in the region affected.

A Category is entitled to double the regular amount.

B Category is entitled to the regular amount plus 0.50 piasters for the regions of the West, of the Center (Provinces of the West) and of Cholon. One piaster extra will be paid in the provinces of the East with the exception of Cholon.

C Category is entitled to the regular allotment of the region.

Regions

Categories A B C
(in piasters)

Eastern Provinces:

Baria, Bien Hoa, Thu Dau Mot	8 - 12	5 - 7	4 - 6
Gia Dinh	5 - 10	4 - 6	3 - 5
Cholon	5	3	2.50

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Central Provinces:

Tan An, Sadeo Mytho (Section outside the Plaine des Jones)	3	2	1.50
Long Chau Tien, Go Cong	4 - 5	2.50-3	2 to 2.50
Tra Vinh, Vinh Long (Sections within Plaine des Jones)	3	2	1.50
Communes Cat. A and B	3	2	1.50
Bentre Communes Cat. C	3	2.50	2

Western Provinces:

Bac Lieu, Rach Gia, Can Tho Soc Trang	2.40	1.70	1.20
Semi-controlled Rach Gia region	2.40	2.50	1.50
Long Chau Hau	3	2	1.50

Professors and pupils in formation classes are entitled to B Ration, in consideration of the great amount of work accomplished in a short period of time.

The following rations will be distributed in convalescent homes for war wounded soldiers and veterans:

- (a) The same paddy allotment as mentioned above.
- (b) The same currency allotment specified in Category C, plus 50 percent extra.

The sick in hospitals are entitled to Category A rations.

Persons residing outside their permanent residences will receive the rations prevailing in their present location.

Rations for Saigon-Cholon and other cities will depend on forthcoming decisions.

The present reduced state of national finances makes food ration increases a bold venture in the improvement of living conditions for military and civilian personnel in Nam Bo. The Nam Bo Committee hereby instructs committees of all zones, provinces and all other organizations to stimulate production and financial contributions, while reducing expenses. In this way, the cost of living may be lowered and an adequate stability restored.

All organizations are further reminded to apply Decree 80/SV-I of 3 September 1950 dealing with the production of each organization.

No organization is authorized the allocation of rations beyond those listed above, except for the press, which is subject to Circular 887/P2 of 9 October, issued by the Nam Bo Committee.

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All circulars allocating special rations to certain organizations and formation classes are herewith abrogated.

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Pham Ngoc Thuan, Vice President
of Nam Bo

Transmitted to Lai Thieu,
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